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I started this morning an intriguing book on Ouvrard, the great French financier during the revolutionary and Napoleonic periods. He was for many years the lover of Madame Tallien and she had several children by him. By the time he was 21, it appears he had made $5,000,000 in gold, and by the time he was 30, $15,000,000. He seems to have had no interest in money as such, but a tremendous flair for speculation and for administration of finances. In addition, he was reputed to be one of the most attractive men of his time.

Mona Williams, Eddie von Bismarck, Jane McBaine, the Chambers, André de Staercke, and Sue Railey came to lunch. Afterwards they dispersed in all directions, E. and Sue going to Chantilly for the annual party the de Waldners give after the races. Mona was looking [redacted] beautiful, as always, and is going off in a couple of days to her place at Capri.

Margaret Biddle came to dinner with us in town tonight. The Joyces brought E. back from Chantilly and we [redacted] had a gossipy conversation about various political combinations that might be effected in France to terminate the crisis. None of them sounded [redacted] promising.

Margaret follows the situation in Morocco with very close interest and is gravely concerned, as she has every reason to be, about the unsatisfactory state of affairs there as well as in Tunisia.

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